

Fogleman outlines proposed reductions

WASHINGTON (AFNS)—In the wake of last month's Quadrennial Defense Review release, the Air Force is preparing to meet manpower reductions outlined in the report.

The service will work to maintain its combat force while cutting back mission support and services functions. Senior leaders hope to do this through gradual voluntary manpower reductions extending over the next six years.

Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. Ronald R. Fogleman said he wants to pass along details of the plan of attack to every Air Force member so everyone can understand how the service will make the "smartest possible resource decisions" to continue modernization, sustain readiness and preserve forces needed to execute missions.

Fogleman said the Air Force can expect adjustments in the number of military members and civilians over the next six years once Congress enacts legislation based on the QDR. "Throughout this process," he said, "we are committed to taking care of our people."

QDR reductions from fiscal 1998 through 2003 include 26,900 active military members, 700 Air Reserve Component people and 18,300 civilians.

These reductions are added to reductions already programmed in the fiscal 1998 budget,

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which includes 15,500 active military members; 2,900 Air Reserve Component people; and 13,800 civilians.

The chief of staff said that, as in the past, the Air Force will rely on voluntary programs to meet reduction goals, turning to involuntary programs only "as a last resort."

"People are the most valuable and the most expensive resource we have in the Air Force," he said. "Every analysis shows us that our combat force structure cannot be cut if we expect to execute the QDR strategy.

"Therefore, to maintain that force structure, the majority of these reductions are programmed to occur in the mission support and services support sides of the house."

These drawdowns will occur between fiscal 1998 and 2001, depending on when Con-

gress passes legislation tied to some form of base closings.

The Air Force has already sought congressional approval to continue all voluntary separation incentives for military members and civilians through the drawdown period.

"We plan to provide robust transition programs and ample time to transition our people who will be asked to leave," Fogleman said. "For those people who remain, quality of life and continued career development will continue as top Air Force priorities."

Following up on his promise for details, the chief of staff offered the following proposals for cutbacks in military people. The estimates are based on computer modeling that reflect the combination of the fiscal 1998 president's budget programmed actions plus those needed to meet the QDR goals.

Fogleman said the numbers are still being refined. "I think they are about 80 percent on target. They are not designed to give exact impacts but a look at the general trends we see ahead."

The following chart reflects Air Force specialties numbers, specialty titles, fiscal 1997 manning, estimated overall reductions, estimated manning in fiscal 2003 and the percent cut back from fiscal 1997 through 2003.

Officer Planning Estimates

AFS Title	FY 97		FY 03 Percent	
	Base	Impact	Base	Remaining
11 Pilot	12,924	-600	12,324	95
12 Navigator	4,544	-200	4,344	96
13 Space, C2	4,705	-100	4,605	98
14 Intelligence	2,461	-100	2,361	96
15 Weather	696	-25	671	96
16 Plan/Prog Off	1,192	-50	1,142	96
21A Aircraft Maint	1,392	-200	1,192	86
21L Logistics	997	-200	797	80

21S Supply	474	-100	374	79
21T Transportation	454	-20	434	96
30 Support Cmdr	292	-3	289	99
31 Security Police	692	-10	682	99
32 Civil Engineer	1,490	-250	1,240	83
33 Communications	5,013	-1,200	3,813	76
34 Services	328	-20	308	94
35 Public Affairs	361	-10	351	97
36P Personnel	1,476	-100	1,376	93
38 Manpower	378	-50	328	87
42 Physician Asst	1,323	-70	1,253	95
43 Medical	1,282	-100	1,182	92
44 Doctor	2,489	-200	2,289	92

45 Dr Specialist	954	-80	874	92
46 Nurse	4,491	-300	4,191	93
47 Dentist	1,111	-100	1,011	91
48 Aero Med Phys	598	-50	548	92
51 Judge Advocate	1,245	-80	1,165	94
62 Staff Devt Engin	3,358	-50	3,308	99
64 Contracting	965	-15	950	98
65F Financial Mgmt	793	-200	593	75
65W Cost Analysis	177	-50	127	72
81 Instructor	869	-25	844	97
82 Acad Pgm Mgr	275	-10	265	96
86 Operations Mgt	511	-20	491	96

Enlisted Planning Estimates

AFS Title	FY 97		FY 03 Percent	
	Base	Impact	Base	Remaining
1A0 Refueling	655	-10	645	98
1A1 Flight Engin	2,119	-275	1,844	87
1A2 Loadmaster	1,974	-25	1,949	99
1A3 Airb Comm Sys	686	-70	616	90
1A4 Airb Wrng C2 S	702	-50	652	93
1A5 Airb Msn Sys	329	-25	304	92
1C0 Ops Res Mgt	2,516	-100	2,416	96
1C1 Air Traf Contr	3,107	-125	2,982	96
1C2 Combat Control	433	-10	423	98
1C3 Cmd/Control	2,032	-200	1,832	90
1C5 Aero Cntr/Wng	1,164	-10	1,154	99
1C6 Space Sys Ops	1,100	-100	1,000	91
1N0 Intel Journ	2,194	-100	2,094	95
1N1 Imagry Analys	892	-100	792	89
1N2 Signal Int Prod	1,819	-50	1,769	97
1N3 Slav Crypto Lng	2,554	-100	2,454	96
1N4 Signal Intel	1,350	-25	1,325	98
1N5 El Sig Intel	770	-10	760	99
1S0 Safety	386	-20	366	95
1T1 Life Support	1,764	-100	1,664	94
1W0 Weather	2,433	-300	2,133	88
2A0 Avionics Test	1,268	-100	1,168	92
2A1 Conv Avionics	3,764	-150	3,614	96
2A3 Tac Aircraft	13,801	-1,700	12,101	88
2A4 Aircraft Avions	4,196	-150	4,046	96
2A5 Aero Maint	12,827	-600	12,227	95
2A6 Propulsion	19,089	-1,500	17,589	92
2A7 Survival Equip	4,843	-400	4,443	92
2E0 Ground Radar	1,328	-900	428	32
2E1 Spec-Comm	6,575	-1,000	5,575	85

2E2 El Comp & SW	2,235	-400	1,835	82
2E3 Secure Comm Sys	1,418	-300	1,118	79
2E4 Space System	295	-50	245	83
2E6 Tele System	2,793	-1,200	1,593	57
2E8 Instr/Tele Sys	401	-200	201	50
2F0 Fuel	3,950	-500	3,450	87
2G0 Log Plans	769	-50	719	93
2M0 Missile Maint	2,882	-75	2,807	97
2P0 PMEL	1,400	-700	700	50
2R0 Maint Data Sys	694	-100	594	86
2R1 Maint Sched	1,082	-100	982	91
2S0 Supply	13,661	-3,500	10,161	74
2T0 Traffic Manag	1,961	-600	1,361	69
2T1 Vehicle Ops	2,683	-500	2,183	81
2T2 Air Transport	4,509	-200	4,309	96
2T3 Spec Purp Veh	2,170	-700	1,470	68
2T4 Vehicle Body	1,441	-500	941	65
2W0 Munitions Sys	6,664	-400	6,264	94
2W1 Weapons Maint	7,649	-700	6,949	91
3A0 Information	12,071	-2,400	9,671	80
3C0 Communications	10,703	-3,550	7,153	67
3C1 Radio Comm Sys	1,057	-250	807	76
3C2 C2 Sys Control	2,154	-450	1,704	79
3C3 C2 Sys Plng/Imp	717	-200	517	72
3E0 Electrical Sys	3,440	-750	2,690	78
3E1 HVAC	2,241	-600	1,641	73
3E2 Pave/Control Eq	1,834	-400	1,434	78
3E3 Structural	1,830	-475	1,355	74
3E4 Utility Sys	2,329	-450	1,879	81
3E5 Engineering	1,114	-300	814	73
3E6 CE Operations	478	-100	378	79
3E7 Fire Protection	3,700	-50	3,650	99
3E8 Explosive Disp	855	-50	805	94
3M0 Services	4,725	-850	3,875	82

3N0 PA/Broadcast	731	-35	696	95
3P1 CATM	696	-300	396	57
3R0 Printing Mgt	239	-25	214	90
3S0 Personnel	7,873	-1,700	6,173	78
3S1 Equal Oppority	267	-100	167	63
3S2 Educ/Train	1,646	-350	1,296	79
3U0 Manpower Res	790	-100	690	87
3V0 Visual Info Sys	1,515	-270	1,245	82
4A0 Health Svcs Mgt	3,964	-250	3,714	94
4A1 Medical Mat	1,278	-100	1,178	92
4A2 Biomedical Eq	518	-30	488	94
4B0 Bioenv Eng	827	-30	797	94
4C0 Mental Health	821	-50	771	94
4D0 Diet Therapy	561	-50	511	91
4E0 Public Health	685	-20	665	97
4F0 Aeromedical Spt	1,000	-70	930	93
4H0 Cardiopul Lab	362	-30	332	92
4J0 Pysical Thpy	423	-20	403	95
4M0 Aerospace Phys	402	-30	372	93
4N0 Medical Svc	6,785	-600	6,185	91
4N1 Surgical Svc	1,293	-100	1,193	92
4R0 Diag Image	1,065	-100	965	91
4T0 Medical Lab	1,564	-100	1,464	94
4U0 Ortho	34	-10	24	71
4V0 Optometry	284	-10	274	96
5J0 Paralegal	1,032	-70	962	93
5R0 Chaplain Svc	454	-30	424	93
6C0 Contracting	1,318	-100	1,218	92
6F0 Financial Svc	3,156	-500	2,656	84
6F1 Finl Analysis	777	-200	577	74
8C0 Family Support	87	-10	77	89
8F0 First Sgt	1,304	-90	1,214	93
8M0 Postal Specst	605	-10	595	98
9D0 Dormitory Mgr	381	-200	181	48